# Just Stars and Violets

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YHC [乙女ケーキ] IN STORE NOW

YOU WANT ME
TO TAKE THIS THING SOME WHERE!?
TONIGHT ONEE-SAMA AND I ARE GOING TO SEE THE STARS.
IF YOU SEE A SHOOTING STAR, WHAT WILL YOU WISH FOR, ONEE-SAMA?
DIDN'T YOU GIVE THIS THING TO GRANDMA!?
THIS, UH... WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN?
TODAY I PLAYED "SHE LOVES ME, SHE LOVES ME NOT" WITH A FLOWER...
A "DREAM MAIDEN" TALKING DOLL.
THE NURSING HOME RECOM-MENDED IT. THEY SAY IT'S GOOD FOR BRAIN ACTIVITY.
NO IDEA WHETHER IT WORKED OR NOT, BUT SHE CERTAINLY TOOK A LIKING TO IT.
SHE SAID IT REMINDED HER OF HERSELF.
NO FREAKING WAY! (THEY'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE)
SO SHE WANTED US TO GIVE IT TO HER OLD FRIEND FROM BACK IN GIRLS' SCHOOL.
IN PLACE OF HERSELF, SHE SAID.

APPARENTLY THEY KEPT IN TOUCH THROUGH LETTERS ALL THIS TIME.
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND PURE RELATION-SHIP...
IT MAKES ME KIND OF JEALOUS!
MAY I HOLD YOUR HAND, ONEE-SAMA?
I LOVE YOU, ONEE-SAMA.
YOU AND I WILL BE TOGETHER FOREVER, ONEE-SAMA.
FREAKIN' PIECE OF JUNK...
YOU'RE TOO UN-REALISTIC!
THAT STUFF'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH REAL LIFE.
ALL YOUR LITTLE SWEET-NOTHINGS ARE JUST-
AGGH!

WHERE'S THE DOLL?
ONEE-SAMA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOME SUGAR-CRUSTED VIOLETS?
OUCH! DAMN!
GOD!! SEE?? THIS! THIS IS THE PAIN OF REALITY!
YOUR HANDS ARE SO WARM, ONEE-SAMA.
HOLY SHIT... WHAT DO I DO ABOUT THIS...
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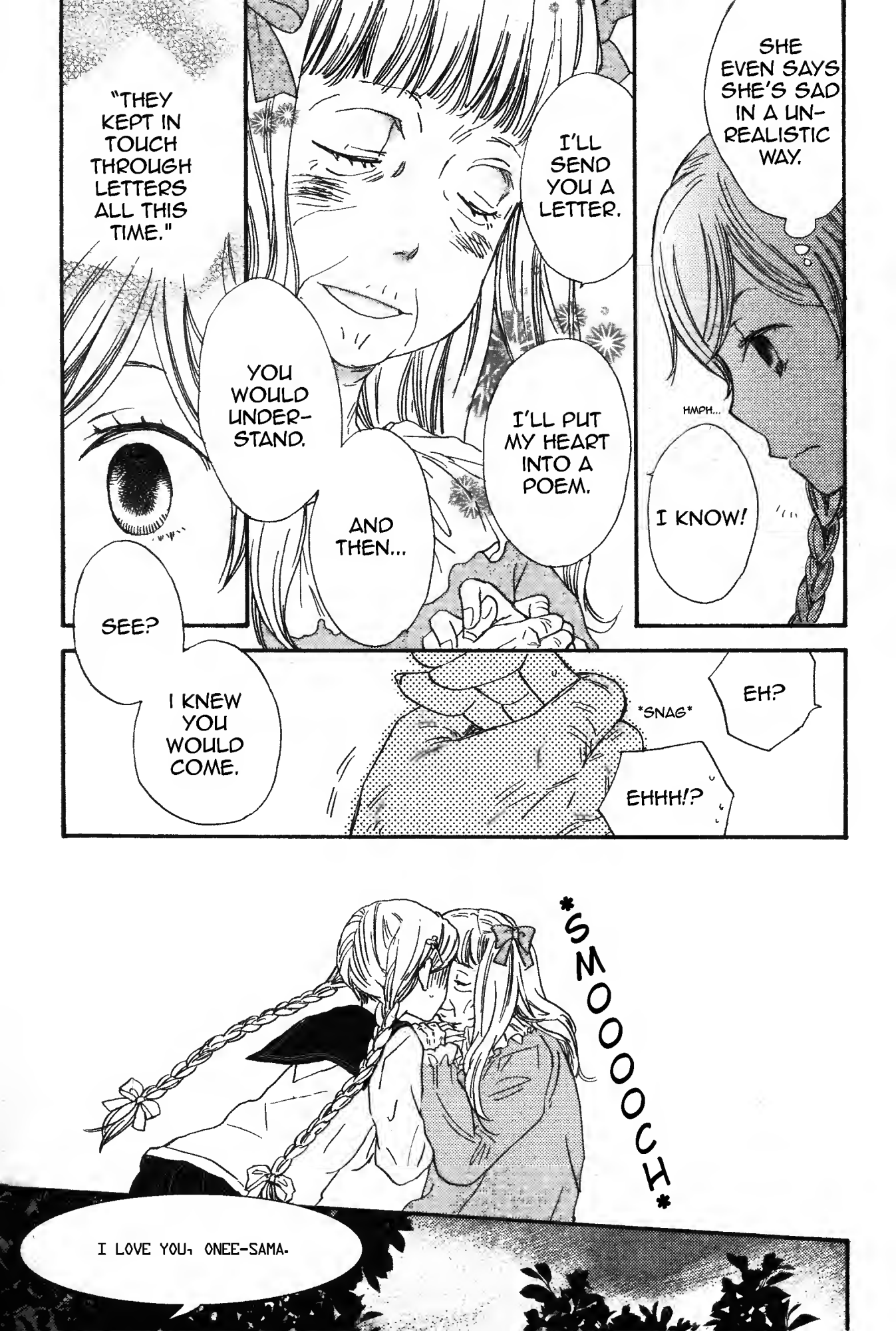
〖ONEE-SAMA, I LOVE YOU.〗
〖YOU AND I WILL BE TOGETHER FOREVER, ONEE-SAMA.〗
IT'S A PROMISE, THEN.
WE'LL STAY TOGETHER FOREVER.

ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, ALWAYS PURE.
SHE CAN'T TELL!?
OR WAIT, TELL WHAT EXACTLY?
UHHM...
〖ONEE-SAMA, MAY I TAKE YOUR HAND?〗
OF COURSE YOU MAY.
PHEW...
LOOKS LIKE I'LL GET AWAY WITH IT FOR TODAY.
I'LL HAVE TO BRING IT BACK ONCE IT'S FIXED.
HERE YOU ARE.
GO AHEAD AND TAKE IT.

IT'S JUST A TALKING DOLL, IT DOESN'T MOVE..
WELL, GUESS SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYWAY.
「YES, ONEE-SAMA.」
「ONEE-SAMA.」
「WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU I'M MARRIED, AND EVEN HAVE MY OWN GRANDDAUGHTER?」
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
EVEN IF I WERE GAZING AT ALL THE STARS IN THE SKY, OR PLUCKING UP VIOLETS DRENCHED IN MORNING DEW...
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANY BEAUTY IN THEM.


"THEY KEPT IN TOUCH THROUGH LETTERS ALL THIS TIME."
I'LL SEND YOU A LETTER.
SHE EVEN SAYS SHE'S SAD IN A UN-REALISTIC WAY.
YOU WOULD UNDER-STAND.
I'LL PUT MY HEART INTO A POEM.
HMPH...
I KNOW!
AND THEN...
SEE?
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME.
*SNAG*
EH?
EHHH!?
*SMOOOOCH*
I LOVE YOU, ONEE-SAMA.

ONEE...
SHUT THE FRICK UP!
YOU AND I WILL BE TOGETHER FOREVER, ONEE-SAMA.
MAY I HOLD YOUR HAND, ONEE-SAMA?
OUCH...
THERE'S A CUT ON MY LIP.
MUST'VE HAPPENED WHEN I KNOCKED AGAINST HER DENTURES.
HERE IT IS! THE PAIN OF LIVING IN REALITY!
DAMN IT!
I LOVE YOU, ONEE-SAMA.
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